

Topeka Extends Welcome, Thrice Welcome, to Veterans and Visitors.

OUR WELCOME

Mayor Cofran's Glad Hand to Veterans.

Streets of Topeka Present Gay Appearance.

FOR COMMANDER GARDNER

The G. A. R. Chief Will Be Given a Reception.

Tomorrow Will Be the Big Day—The Program.

This is the first official day of Memorial week in Topeka. Every train into the capital city today brings hundreds of wearers of the bronze buttons to enjoy the festivities of the thirty-third encampment of the Department of Kansas, G. A. R. The city, from the most unpretentious residence to the downtown skyscrapers, is a flutter of flags and bunting and red, white and blue tributes. The streets are alive with the veterans of the Civil war, some bent and tottering, others rugged and wrinkled.



Washington Gardner of Albion, Mich., recently elected commander-in-chief of the National G. A. R. and guest of Kansas veterans during the Topeka encampment. Commander Gardner will deliver the dedicatory address at Memorial hall Wednesday morning.

The first meeting of the encampment convened at the auditorium at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. At 7:30 o'clock this evening a grand reception will be tendered to Washington Gardner, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. And tonight—listen, boys—the state house lawn will be turned over to a great, old-fashioned camp fire meeting—a meeting where bands and drum corps and singing will bring back memories of sky-canopied gatherings while the soldiers in the blue and the gray rested on their arms.

Tomorrow is the big day of the week. Tomorrow is parade day. Tomorrow is the day of the dedication of the half-million dollar Memorial hall, built for the soldiers and sailors of Kansas. Tomorrow the flags will be transferred, the bird-man Longren will fly and concerts and campfires will prevail for the 20,000 expected visitors.



Colonel J. N. Harrison, Commander Department of Kansas, Grand Army of the Republic.

This morning at 8 o'clock the credentials committee met at the G. A. R. headquarters in the state house. At 9 o'clock the camp-fire committee met. At 10 o'clock the council of administration, in secret session, transacted the business of the department of Kansas. At 1:30 o'clock the encampment meeting opened at the Auditorium with an address by Mayor Cofran and a response by W. A. Benson.

Reports of the state department commander, state chaplain and other officials of the state G. A. R. organization, were read this afternoon at the meeting in the auditorium. The report of the commander covers the work of his department during the last year, while the chaplain's report dealt largely with the records of the thinning ranks of the Kansas veterans.

The Mayor's Welcome. In welcoming the old soldiers to the capital city, Mayor Cofran said: "Once more we meet together as"

DIES UNDER TRAIN

Young Man Full of Remorse for Killing His Sweetheart

Throws Himself Under Wheels of a Passing Locomotive.

FOURTH ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE

He Had Tried Drowning Once and Chloroform Twice.

Body of the Dead Girl Found in the Woods.

Downers Grove, Ill., May 26.—Mad with remorse for killing Florence Bentley, his sweetheart, in the woods near here last Saturday night Reginald A. Barr, 24 years old, a railroad clerk, employed in Chicago, committed suicide at Lisle, three miles from here today, by jumping under the wheels of a moving passenger train. Previously he had twice tried poison and once jumped into a quarry pit.

The girl, a cloak model, also employed in Chicago, was of about Barr's age. They had been "pals" for years but Florence, according to her mother, was growing tired of her companion. Saturday night the two met and went for a walk. According to a note found on Barr's body they went to a leafy bower in the woods. She refused to kiss him and he asked her if she did not want to be his sweetheart any more.

There was a struggle and, says the note, "the girl died of heart failure or fright, as I surely could not kill the one I thought the most of in the world."

Late that night the families of the two lovers became alarmed and search was begun. Professor G. C. Butler, superintendent of schools here, returning from Wheaton, by automobile, saw Barr plunging along the road that night and said: "Hello, Barr." The lonely pedestrian only pulled his cap lower for reply. Yesterday the schools were dismissed and the search was taken up by the pupils but it remained for Carl Selig, driver of a grocery cart, late in the afternoon, to discover the body of the girl. She lay on the ground, her hands folded over her breast. Barr was still missing. He was observed at Lisle this morning by Charles Schwerer, a farmer, who thought he was waiting to steal a ride on a train. "He sat with his head between his hands," related the farmer, "but when the train came he jumped right under the wheels." Barr according to his note, after walking for miles in a daze, first attempted to take his own life by plunging into a quarry near Naperville. He landed in the stagnant water, however, and "I could not sink," says the note. He purchased poison and returned to the side of the dead girl, but the contents of the bottle were spilled before the work of the poison was complete. He repeated the attempt, but again recovered and finally determined to make death certain by plunging under a train. The post-mortem over the girl's body did not disclose the cause of death, but it established that there was nothing so did in her relations with Barr. A double inquest will be held tomorrow. Thought Her Neck Broken. Lisle, Ill., May 26.—Reginald Barr, leaving behind him a note declar-

that his slaying of his sweetheart, Florence Bentley, at Downers Grove, three miles from here, last Saturday night was accidental, jumped beneath a moving train here early today and was killed. It was his fourth attempt at suicide. In a note found on his person he declared that he took a drug twice in an effort to die beside the body of his sweetheart, but both times failed. In desperation he next jumped into a quarry pit but he lit in the stagnant water and "I could not sink," said the note. The note stated that Miss Bentley was killed when he tried to kiss her. She screamed when he made the attempt, and he placed his hand over her

mouth. In the ensuing struggle they tripped and fell. He believed her neck was broken; any way, she was dead. Physicians who examined her body declare that the neck was not broken. The Note He Left. Barr's note was written on both sides of a small sheet of paper in a clerkly hand. It follows: "Lisle, Ill., May 26, 1914. "Dear Folks: God forgive me for causing my sweetheart's death. I did not kill her. We walked out there and sat down. I tried to kiss her and she repulsed me. I asked her if she did not want to be my sweetheart any more. She would not answer. I took hold of her waist and she started to scream. I could not think what was the matter with her. I became ex-

cited and put my wrist on her windpipe to stop her screaming, and I went completely out of my head. "She became quiet all of a sudden. I thought I had hurt her and she was breathing heavily but was senseless. I covered her up and don't remember what happened until I awoke to find myself lying along the road near Naperville. My mind came back. I realized what I had done and I went over to the quarry and jumped in but could not sink. "Bought More Chloroform. "Then I went to Aurora, bought some chloroform and that night (Sunday) I came back and found my darling's body and I realized that she was really dead. I lay down beside

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THE KEY TO HOSPITALITY



MEDIATION HALTS

The Niagara Falls Conference Hits a Snag.

Agrarian Question Threatens to Make Serious Trouble.

Niagara Falls, May 26.—The work of the mediators who are considering the differences between the United States and Mexico came temporarily to a halt today. All seemed going well and everyone was optimistic and the Mexican delegates believing they had reached accord with the Americans, were about to issue a formal statement explanatory of their position on the land question regretting that it was impossible for them to guarantee as to the action of a new and sovereign and recognized government. But the Mexican delegates today said they had concluded to issue no pronouncements. They were not less optimistic, they said, but were less certain of the wisdom of the promised declaration at this critical moment. Then, when every one, amazed at this sudden step, was speculating upon the reason for it and the air was filled with rumors, the American delegates dashed up in their automobiles. There was a hurried mounting of the stair case to the room of the mediators, the door was slammed and a prolonged and earnest "conversation" was entered upon. It was obvious that there must be some more definite assurance respecting the land question to meet the declared purpose of President Wilson. Precisely how it was to be worked out or how it could be worked out, was not altogether clear, but little doubt was felt by those participating that it would be worked out.

IT IS HOT AND WINDY

Weather Sultry Today—Be Unsettled Tonight and Wednesday.

The mercury is flirting with the heat record for this date. The temperature at 2 o'clock this afternoon was 88 degrees. The maximum temperature May 26, 1912, was 91 degrees. The lowest temperature recorded on this date in the last 27 years was 46 in 1901. The wind is 18 miles an hour from the south. The temperature today has averaged 11 degrees above normal. The forecast calls for unsettled weather with the possibility of showers. According to the government reports there was no rainfall in Kansas in the 24 hours ending at 7 o'clock this morning. The hourly readings: 7 o'clock 72 11 o'clock 82 8 o'clock 75 12 o'clock 86 9 o'clock 78 1 o'clock 88 10 o'clock 80 2 o'clock 88

NOTICE TO VISITORS.

Issues of the State Journal for this week containing full reports of all meetings will be mailed in one bundle to any address for 10 cents. Leave your name and time at the State Journal building, Eighth and Kansas avenues. The paper will also be mailed 100 days for \$1.00 to the home address of any veteran or visitor desiring a trial subscription.

T. R. TO OPEN IT

The Colonel Will Start the Bull Moose Campaign

In Pennsylvania With a Speech at Pittsburg June 30.

AFTER RETURN FROM SPAIN

Council of War Held While En Route to Washington.

Keystone Leaders and Victor Murdock Ride With Him.

Philadelphia, May 26.—Colonel Roosevelt's formal campaign for the Progressive party this year probably will be opened in Pennsylvania. He promised today, on his way to Washington, to speak in Pittsburg on June 30. The date is six days after Colonel Roosevelt is to return from Spain and his address, in all likelihood, will be the first extended political utterance of the campaign unless he decides to make a speech or a statement before he sails for Europe on Saturday.

Allen T. Burns of Pittsburg, Allegheny county chairman of the Washington party, was particularly desirous of inducing Colonel Roosevelt to go to Pittsburg because of reports in this state recently that the former president would keep out of Pennsylvania during the campaign. The colonel put an end to these reports by promptly accepting the invitation to go to Pittsburg.

His address will be delivered before the second annual Pennsylvania Progressive conference, William Draper Lewis, dean of the law department of the University of Pennsylvania, and Progressive candidate for governor, also traveled from New York to Philadelphia with Colonel Roosevelt to discuss Pennsylvania politics. Representative Victor Murdock of Kansas boarded the train at New York to go on to Washington with the colonel. Dean Lewis said the outlook in Pennsylvania was encouraging from the Progressive standpoint.

"I am taking an enormous interest in Pennsylvania," Col. Roosevelt said, "and that is why I am going to speak in this state." Several hundred persons greeted Mr. Roosevelt at the station, where he left the train to shake hands with as many as he could before the train started. There was a great cheer when some one called for "three cheers for the old war horse."

Motors in From Home. New York, May 26.—Theodore Roosevelt motored to New York from Oyster Bay this morning and left for Washington over the Pennsylvania at 10 o'clock. In Washington he will call on President Wilson and address the National Congressional Society on his recent expedition to Brazil.

The colonel planned to discuss the political situation on the train. He was to be met at Philadelphia by Senator Clapp of Minnesota, Republican, and by Senator Poindexter of Washington, Progressive. O. E. Davis, secretary of the Progressive committee and Representative Elmer Johnson of Illinois, chairman of the Progressive congressional committee.

DEDICATION PROGRAM.

The official program for dedication week for the new Memorial hall and for the thirty-third annual encampment of the Kansas G. A. R., as given out officially by Colonel J. N. Harrison, department commander, follows:

Today. 1:30 p. m.—First meeting of the encampment convenes at City Auditorium. Address of welcome by Mayor R. L. Cofran.

Response by Comrade A. W. Benson. 7:30 p. m.—Grand reception for commander-in-chief of Memorial hall, 8:30 p. m.—Camp fire—Comrade A. W. Smith, presiding.

Wednesday—Dedication Day. Department Commander J. N. Harrison, chairman.

9:30 a. m.—Parade, Comrade A. M. Fuller, chief marshal. 10:30 a. m.—Address of welcome by Governor Hodges.

Responses by Department Commander Harrison. Invocation by Department Chaplain S. S. Martip.

11:00 a. m.—Dedicatory address by Commander-in-Chief Washington Gardner.

12:00 m.—Dedicatory services and raising the flag over Memorial hall, with artillery salute.

2:00 p. m.—Transferring the Kansas battle flags from State House to Memorial hall.

2:30 p. m.—Apoptrophe to the Flags by Captain J. G. Waters.

3:00 p. m.—Drill by National Guard. 4:00 p. m.—A. E. Longren, the bird-man, will make a spectacular flight in his airship over Memorial building.

7:30 p. m.—Grand concert by bands, drum corps, Modoca, orchestra and soloists.

8:30 p. m.—Camp fire, Comrade Bernard Kelly presiding.

Formation of Parade. Here is the official order announced by Chief Marshal A. M. Fuller, giving the formation of parade and line of march:

The present soldiers of the state will escort the veterans of the Civil and Spanish wars to the dedicatory exercises of the Memorial building. The parade will take place on Monday. (Continued on Page Eight.)